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In response to the Office Action mailed on June 20, 2006, please amend the above-captioned Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80		
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